

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 5 and 7 are in the application, with Claim 1 being independent. Claim 6 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended herein.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,369,316 (Plessing) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,993,582 (Yoshino). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Plessing in view of Yoshino and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,127,622 (Yamada). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Plessing in view of Yoshino and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,149,757 (Chikaki). Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Plessing in view of Yoshino and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,426,633 (Taylor). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, inter alia, (i) the pressing means is cooled by cooling means after carrying out the body, and (ii) another body to be laminated is carried in along with a tabular member made of a metal plate onto the mounting board after cooling the pressing means.

None of Plessing, Yoshino, Yamada, Chikaki, and Taylor, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, is seen to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claim discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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